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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY NYTIMES FRONTPAGE ARMS ACCORD PUTS  
LIMIT BELOW 2500 VEHICLES; BALTSUN FRONTPAGE MOSCOW HAILS  
PACT AS MAJOR TURNING POINT. TODAY'S WASHPOST FRONTPAGES  
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MIRV BOOST EXPECTED; NYTIMES FRONTPAGES 1200 VEHICLES FOR

MIRVS ALLOWED. SOME FURTHER PACT COMMENT.

1A. TUESDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD MIDDLETON REPORTING JANE'S EDITOR EXPECTS FOUR NATO NATIONS TO BUY YF-17; PAPERS REPORTED US CARRIER SAILING PERSIAN GULF; WASHSTAR REPORTED HOUSE PASSES INCREASE IN ATOMIC TESTS.

1B. TODAY'S PAPERS INSIDE HAVE KISSINGER BRIEFS CHINA ON ARMS PACT; NYTIMES HAS CARRIER LEAVES PERSIAN GULF AFTER TWO DAYS; ALSO SEN. BUCKLEY REPORTS SOVIETS INTENSIFY REPRESSION; PLUS CARLUCCI ASSURES SENATORS CIA NOT INTERFERING IN PORTUGAL, RECEIVES SFRC APPROVAL.

2. ARMS ACCORD. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HERBERS WASHINGTON REPORTS FORD TOLD 26 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT ACCORD

WOULD PERMIT EACH COUNTRY TO HAVE 2400 DELIVERY VEHICLES FOR NUCLEAR WARHEADS, ACCORDING AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES WHO ADDED THAT ABOUT 1200 COULD CARRY MIRVS WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN LAND-BASED AND SEA-BASED LONG-RANGE MISSILES, AND NON-MIRV MISSILES COULD BE MIXED: LAND-BASED, SUB-LAUNCHED OR BOMBERS. HERBERS ADDS SEN. JACKSON, WHO DIDN'T ATTEND MEETING BUT WAS BRIEFED BY NSC, SAID HE WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH PACT SAYING THIS WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE ADDITION OF THOUSANDS OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND NOTING RUSSIANS HAVE NONE TODAY. THURMOND PREDICTED PACT WOULD WIN SENATE APPROVAL, THOUGH HE HIMSELF WAS DISTURBED THAT IT DID NOT PROVIDE FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION. TUESDAY NYTIMES GWERTZMAN WASHINGTON REPORTED U.S. PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN ITS NUCLEAR FORCES, BUT THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE TO.

2A. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST MARDER AND GETLER STRESS THAT PROPOSED ACCORD FOR CAPPING TOTAL NUMBERS OF MISSILES AND BOMBERS ON EACH SIDE ACTUALLY ALLOWS BOTH SIDES TO CONSIDERABLY EXPAND NUMBERS OF MULTIPLE WARHEAD MISSILES, AS FORD ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES DISCLOSED THAT RUSSIANS ARE PERMITTED FAR HIGHER NUMBERS OF MIRVS THAN AMERICAN STRATEGISTS HAVE DESIRED THEM TO. STORY UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS A FURTHER AND POTENTIALLY COSTLY BUILDUP OF EXISTING AMERICAN MULTIPLE WARHEADS IS NOW ANTICIPATED TO MATCH THE HIGH LEVEL SET FOR RUSSIA, THIS BEING DEFENDED AS A JUSTIFIABLE PRICE FOR PUTTING A CAP ON THE OVERALL ARMS RACE, NESSEN QUOTING FORD: FIRST YOU HAVE TO SET A CEILING THEN YOU CAN TRY FOR A REDUCTION. REPUBLICANS AT MEETING AND MANSFIELD BROADLY WELCOMED THE ACCORD, STORY SAYS, ADDING JACKSON SAID: BY PERMITTING SOVIETS

AN ASTONISHINGLY LARGE NUMBER OF MIRV MISSILES ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED TO BRING THE POTENTIAL SOVIET MISSILE BUILDUP UNDER CONTROL. GRIFFIN SAID PRESIDENT TOLD LEADERS JOINT CHIEFS APPROVED THE ACCORD. ALTHOUGH LARGE APPROPRIATIONS INCREASES ARE EXPECTED, SAYS STORY, FIRST THERE WILL NEED TO BE A REVIEW TO SEE WHETHER ADDITIONAL MIRVS WILL BE ON LAND SEA OR AIR. TUESDAY WASHPOST MARDER GETLER REPORTED THAT HIGH LEVELS OF MIRVS WOULD NOT SQUELCH FEARS OF BOTH SIDES THAT MIRVS CAN BE USED TO KNOCK OUT AN OPPOSING MISSILE FORCE; ALSO SAID SOVIETS MADE IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS IN DROPPING THEIR FORWARD-BASED DEMAND AND ALSO EARLIER DEMANDS THAT BRITISH POLARIS SUBS BE COUNTED IN U.S. STRATEGIC FORCES.

2B. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN WASHINGTON SPECIAL ADDS NESSEN QUOTED FORD SAYING U.S. HAS VERY SOPHISTICATED METHODS OF

VERIFICATION THAT ARE IN MANY WAYS BETTER THAN ON-SITE INSPECTION; BUT GOLDWATER SAID HE FEARED THAT FORD IN HIS SEARCH FOR PEACE WOULD ALLOW U.S. TO BECOME THIRD-RATE POWER.

2C. PEKING AP IN WASHPOST BALTSUN REPORTS KISSINGER'S PACT BRIEFING WAS A MEANS OF REASSURING CHINA THAT FORD REACHED NO SECRET UNDERSTANDINGS WITH BREZHNEV.

3. COMMENT. TUESDAY WASHPOST EDITORIAL ON VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT SAID EARLY RETURNS WERE EXTREMELY REASSURING, INDICATING A MAJOR STEP CLOSER TO THE CRITICAL GOAL OF MAKING THE 1972 INTERIM AGREEMENT PERMANENT--WITH FIRST-TIME AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF STRATEGIC VEHICLES OF ALL SORTS AND RUSSIAN WILLINGNESS TO LEAVE AMERICA'S EUROPE-BASED PLANES TO BE DEALT WITH IN A UNCLASSIFIED

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EUROPEAN NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. POST ALSO WELCOMED AGREEMENT ON EQUAL NUMBER OF MIRVS, BUT SAID REAL QUESTION-- JACKSON'S QUESTION--IS LIKELY TO BE: DOES NOT AN AGREEMENT FOR EQUAL NUMBERS GIVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER TIME TO THE RUSSIANS, WHOSE HUGE EXTRA THROW-WEIGHT CAPABILITY WOULD LET THEM PACK MORE AND LARGER MIRV WARHEADS INTO EACH VEHICLE? ALSO THE FURTHER QUESTION OF HOW TO VERIFY A MIRV LIMIT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE EXPLORED, BUT PROGRESS IN THE CONTROL OF STRATEGIC ARMS IS THE MOST URGENT AND CENTRAL PART OF THE UNFINISHED EXPERIMENT IN MODERATED SUPERPOWER COMPETITION KNOWN AS DETENTE.

3A. TUESDAY WASHSTAR EDITORIAL SAID VLADIVOSTOK BREAKTHROUGH SEEMS ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, SAYING THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO ARRIVE AT A PSYCHOLOGICAL

EQUALITY IN WHICH NEITHER POWER BELIEVES THAT ONE SIDE HAS A DECISIVE ADVANTAGE.

3B. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HAS JAMES RESTON COLUMN NOTING SOVIET LEADERS DIDN'T TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DISARRAY OF THE WEST AND THEY HAVE APPARENTLY CONCLUDED THAT A MAJOR DISRUPTION OF THE DETENTE POLICY WOULD PROBABLY PRODUCE A VIOLENT ANTI-COMMUNIST REACTION IN USA AND MAYBE A JACKSON PRESIDENCY. RESTON NOTES THAT THE ARMS CONTROL WILL STILL LEAVE BOTH SIDES WITH ENOUGH WEAPONS TO BLOW UP THE WORLD; ADDS COMMUNIQUE WAS EXTREMELY VAGUE ABOUT MIDEAST.

3C. WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, JR. DEVOTED HIS SUNDAY COLUMN LARGELY TO CHARGES BY HUMAN EVENTS OF MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS BY SOVIET UNION OF SALT ONE, HEARST SAYING THAT BUCKLEY-BYRD CHARGES MAKE HIM MORE THAN A LITTLE

APPREHENSIVE ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S HOPES FOR AGREEMENT AT SUMMIT.

4. ATOMIC TESTS. TUESDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED HOUSE REJECTED ARGUMENTS THAT A STEPPED-UP SERIES OF NUCLEAR TESTS WOULD CAST DOUBT ON U.S. ARMS LIMITATION INTENTIONS, AND PASSED AND SENT TO SENATE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING 80.5 MILLIONS MORE FOR AEC FOR SCHEDULE THAT WOULD PERMIT SEVERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERGROUND TESTS OF LARGE DEVICES BEFORE MARCH 1976 WHEN U.S.-SOVIET TREATY BECOMES EFFECTIVE. INGERSOLL

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